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Three Arkansas CTE Students Elected to Career and Technical Student Organization National Offices

Lauryn Howard, JAG National Secretary of Little Rock Southwest High School

Jobs for America's Graduates has begun the process to have the National Career Association recognized as a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO). As a part of this process, they are required to host a national competition and have elected officers. Last month in Dallas, TX, JAG national hosted the first ever National Career Development Conference. Students competed in over 10 events and elected national officers for the first time. We are proud to announce that Lauryn Howard, rising Senior at Little Rock Southwest High School was elected the first ever National Secretary. Congratulations, Lauryn!

Rachael Thumma, HOSA International Executive Council of Bentonville High School

Rachael Thumma from Bentonville High School was elected Central Region Vice President to the HOSA International Executive Council during the 45th Annual International Leadership Conference on June 24th in Nashville, TN. She is the first Arkansas HOSA Member to serve on the HOSA International Executive Council. The Executive Council represents HOSA members worldwide including Canada, China, Korea, Mexico, and the U.S. and its territories. Ms. Thumma will be attending Notre Dame on a full academic scholarship this fall while majoring in neuroscience during her year of service. State HOSA Advisor, Matt Burns, says "It's incredibly competitive for International Executive Officer positions as Arkansas represents a very small portion of total international membership (less than 1%). She went through an extensive process to showcase her passion and knowledge for HOSA and it paid off. We are so proud of Rachael and know she will be a fantastic representative of our state and organization. She earned it!." DCTE wishes her luck as she represents International HOSA this year!

Reese Owens, FCCLA National Vice President of Community Service of White Hall High School

During the 2022 FCCLA National Leadership Conference held in San Diego, California, Reese Owens a senior from White Hall High School, was elected to serve as the FCCLA National Vice President of Community Service for this school year! Reese has previously served as the Arkansas First Vice President, and the Vice President of Parliamentary Law for her district. Arkansas FCCLA is proud to have Reese Owens representing us on a National level and we look forward to seeing her grow and lead through her new role!